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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2-3 are objected to because of the following: “hook like protrusion” in claims 2-3 does not have a positive limitation. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character “25” has been used to designate both a thickened portion and the electrical connection points. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Batting (WO 02/51203).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Batting teaches a hearing aid device and an electrical and mechanical connection between a head worn communication device or the hearing aid device and an accessory (1, 2, 3, 5). As shown in figures 1-3, the mechanical connection means and electrical connection points at the communication device and the accessory are placed at the surface as claimed such that a sliding action between the two surfaces of the communication device and the accessory will cause the respective mechanical connection means to grip each other (also see page 5, lines 9-16).

Regarding claim 2, Batting shows the connection means that comprise a protrusion and a complementary cut out region at the respective surfaces of the communication device and the accessory as claimed (figures 2-3).

Regarding claim 3, Batting shows the protrusion that has a wide part spaced from a surface, and a free space (6) that is arranged at a complementary surface behind the cut out region for accepting the wide part of the protrusion (figures 2-3).

Regarding claim 4, Batting shows the communication that has a battery and a battery lid as claimed (page 4, lines 30-31).

Regarding claims 5 and 8, the battery lid of Batting is child proof since the battery lid (4) is securely connected to the communication device and the accessory (see figure 4 and page 3, lines 16-23 and page 7, lines 28-32).

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Regarding claims 6 and 9, as shown in figure 3, the connection means between the communication device and the accessory comprises a friction lock such that the accessory will stay with the communication device when the battery lid is open.

Regarding claim 10, Batting shows the battery lid as claimed (figures 2, 3).

Regarding claim 11, Batting shows the connection means that are arranged at a back end surface of the hearing aid as claimed. (figures 1, 2, 3).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Vonlanthen (U.S. patent 6,731,770) teaches a behind-the-ear hearing aid and a surface-mounted module for the hearing aid.

Batting (U.S. patent 7,068,804) teaches a communication system with communication element attachable to pivoting battery compartment.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUYEN D. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-7502. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, SINH TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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